

# Notice of Decision from the Deputy Returning Officer – 2026 Officer Election, Grievance 3

## Details of Complaint:

On 12/02/26, we received a complaint which alleged Education Officer candidate Daisy Campanale had put posters and flyers in the Library.

Campaigning in the Library is not permitted within the election rules.

## Analysis:

The rules clearly state:

- Campaigning cannot occur in the following places:
  - 1) The library
  - 2) Student Support (4 West)
  - 3) University commercial outlets or Sports Training Village

Photos provided to the DROs as well as e-mail statements from Library staff clearly showed a number of flyers on desks, tables, and put up with string inside toilets within the library.

The candidate was apologetic in an e-mail to Library staff, stating:

“

I am so sorry about this, it must've been someone from my campaign team. I sent them the booklet, they must have forgotten. I will make sure someone goes round and removes everything. Sorry again

“

Additionally, the candidate was apologetic directly to me. She expressed no intention to break the rules or to gain an advantage on her competition.

The candidate stated there was no intent to break the rules on her part, and that the actions to place and hang the flyers and posters had been completed by a member of her campaign team.

Candidates are responsible for the actions of their campaign teams and all those operating within arm's length of the campaign.

A number of the flyers had been taken by the time the library got in touch with the candidate, presumably by students using the library.

The candidate certainly benefitted from an enhanced exposure as a result of the flyering and postering while other candidates and campaigns followed the established rules.

**Conclusion:**

There is one test that must be passed for this to be seen as a violation of election rules.

It must be established that Daisy Campanale, her campaign team, or those within her arm's reach placed the flyers and posters within the library.

Given that the candidate has accepted responsibility, it is clear there was a violation. The only question to be resolved is to apply proportionate sanctions which maintain a fair election.

**Decision:**

For the reasons outlined above, I am finding Daisy Campanale responsible for breaking the election rules by campaigning in the library.

The following sanctions applied will be:

- 1 – A written warning, with instructions to follow the elections rules going forward.
- 2 – A 2 hour campaign ban from 9am – 11am on 24/02/2026.

Materials posted before the ban are allowed to remain up.

**Issued:** 23/02/26



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